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# COL. "BOB" CARR

Wants to Know Where He is in the Watts Deal.

# IT WILL NOT BE THE FIRST TIME

is Has Been Knocked Out by the Sam Gentleman-The Chiltons Playing Two-Handed Game-The Bargain with Et-Congressman Alderson Makes a Considerable Mix-A Scheme that was Abar dened-Whole Crowd for Free Silver.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 11.— Colonel Robert S. Carr is doing lots of thinking just now, and has not yet been able to make up his mind as to just "where he is at." One month age he would have been willing to stake all be was worth that he would be the next Democratic nominee for state auditor, but he is not so certain of it now. He is beginning to realize that the Chilton crowd have been making fun of him all the time they have been making believe that they

thought he was a statesman.

It is beginning to dawn upon him that he is to be sacrificed in the interest of General Watts, et al.; and while he tries to keep up a stiff upper lip, it is very apparent that the political outlook is not pleasing to him.

If he is knocked out by General Watts it will not be the first time he has had his political hopes shattered by the same ruthless hand. Six years ago, when he thought he had the state senatorship within his grasp it was snatched from him, almost in the hour of his triumph, by General Watts. And the Chiltons were in that deal, too. Four years previous to that time, Colonel Carr defeated W. E. Chilton for a seat in the state senate Carr was the Populist, or Grenback candidate then, while Chilton was the Democratic at that time and when the returns showed that Carr was elected. Chilton was very much astounded. In fact, he relit that Colonel Carr had done him an injury.

all the time.

Some people are malicious enough to advance the idea that the Chiltons, recognizing the fact that their power is rapilly waning and knowing that their support means political death to any one with whom their name is coupled, are quietly creating the impression that they are favorable to General Watta, with the idea that the mention of their names in connection with his will accomplish his defeat.

The Democratic of Kanawha are as thoroughly tired of Chilton domination as the people of the state are of Democratic rule and the suspicion that the last campaign was conducted with the view of landing Colonel J. E. Chilton in the United States senate and that and their interests were sacrificed to that each seems to be growing among the rank and file of the party.

In a Mix.

Democratic politics seem to be in a onsiderable mix. Hon. John D. Alderson is an ardeat supporter of Gener-al Watts, and, it is understood, will be the next secretary of state in the event the next secretary of Mate in the even of that gentleman's election. If there is any love between Mr. Alderson and the Messra. Ohliton it is not visible to the maked eye. Mr. Alderson does not think that the Chiltons helped him much in his last campaign for Congress and he does not feel like helping Colonel Joe Chilton in his sayirations to fill the seat now occupied by Hon. L. H. Hulling.

Ing. However they are all agreed upon the silver question. If one of them is opposed to the 16 to 1 idea he is afraid to say so. For more than a year there has been talk of organizing a free silver party, through Chilton influence, with the idea of afterwards having it swallowed by the Democracy. This scheme has been abandoned, possibly for the reason that the Republicans were "onto" M.

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e "onto" R.

\*\*Governor E. W. Wilson hopes to
into Congress on the free silver
by, which has been a pet of his for
the time past. However, Colonel J.
Rt. Clair and Colonel J. E. Chilton
ierstand that little equestrian act
well as he does. If there is anyng political that they are not able
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they are to be the beneficiaries and they are able to preach the free sliver doctrine with so much arder and fervor as to deceive the very elect.

Just now the chances seem to favor Colonel St. Clair, as far as Kanawha county is concerned. Not because he is in any way superior to Messrs. Wilson and Chilton, but because the people of their county do not know him as well as they do the two others.

# M'KINLEY AND ATKINSON.

Tucker County Republicans Adopt a Strong Resolution. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARSONS,W. Va., May 11.—At the Republican county convention held at this place Saturday, when the delegates of Tucker county were chosen to the two state conventions, the following resolu-tion was unanimously adopted:

state conventions, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
"Resolved, That we recognize the
highest hopes and aspirations of the
American people, symbolized in that
lectriess American. Major McKinley,
whose candidacy for President has our
warmest sentiment and friendly aid in
the great contest now going on for the
Republican nomination at 8t, Louis; and
it is with equal desire and heartiness of
spirit that we declare our preference for
lion. George W. Atkinson as the candidate on the Republican ticket for governor of this state and piedge our warmest support to bring adout that happy
consummation.

### Delaieure Republicana

DOVER, Del., May 11.-The Republican state convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis will meet here to-morrow. It will be controlled by the friends of J. Edward Addicks, who have at least 101 of the 160 delegates, composing the con-

vention.

The delegation will not be instructed.

Mr. Addicks believes that the six votes
of Delaware should be held in reserve,
so as to go to the winner when the decisive time comes, and his views will
probably be adopted.

# McKinley will Not Move.

CANTON, O., May 11.—For several weeks rumors have been circulated that when Governor McKinley was nomin ated at St. Louis he would take up his residence at Gleveland. On account of these rumors several prominent men made direct inquiry. One of these said to the Repository reporter that he had

been asured there was not the slightest possibility of such an event. He said that Gov. McKinley had in no wise changed his plans or ever had any in-tention of leaving his home city during the months of the campaign in event of his nomination.

The California Deep Water Improvement

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Cali-fornia deep water harbor project was before the senate most of the day. It

before the senate most of the day. It is seldom that a local improvament acouses so much feeling among senators, manifesting itself in a debate of unusual animation and of considerable personal feeling.

Mr. Berry, of Arkansas, began the debate to-day declaring that this proposed expenditure of three millions was against the public interest and in the private interest of C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific. Senators Vest and Caffery took the ground that no appropriation should be made at present. Mr. Frye, chairman of the commerce committee, replied to the strictures upon the proposition and vehemently characterised the criticisms of Mr. Huntington as "savoring of the alogan of the sand lots." Mr. Frye will go on to-morrow.

La the House.

Representative Hartman Auxious for th

WASHINGTON, May 11.-Represen tative Hartman, of Montana, is circu lating in the house a petition to the judiciary committee for an immediate report from that committee of the joint resolution to authorize the reorganization of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The judicial sale of the corporation under the foreciosure proceeding is to be made in July, and unless Congress takes action before that proceeding the reorganization of the company win have to be under a state charter.

Many members have signed the patition, and it is expected that the subcommittee of the judiciary committee which has the resolution in charge will report to the full committee to-morrow. The resolution if adopted will compel the company under its charter to sell all agricultural lands within a mile of the track at a price not exceeding \$250 an acre and forbid consolidation with any competing line. judiciary committee for an immediate

## THE JACKSON TRIAL

The Argument Begun-Opening for the

NEWDORT Ky Way 11 At 10:30 to day the argument in the Scott Jackson trial began. It has been arranged that next and Lockhart shall close. Attor ney Nelson, after a plain and touching story of the crime, took up the testimony of Jackson, comparing it with the opposing testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses as to his movements on Friday and Saturday and asking the jury if it was likely that all these disinterested witnesses for the prosecution would deliberately perjure themselves and the truth told only by Jackson, whose interest in the trial is suprema. Judge Helm announced this afternoon that the testimony of Scott Jackson would not be submitted to the jury till Thursday. He then postponed the trial of Alonso Waling for the murder of Pearl Bryan till May 28. ney Nelson, after a plain and touching

NEW YORK, May II.—Confirmation has been obtained of the reported sale of the Bell. Lewis & Yates coal properof the Bell, Lewis & Yates coal proper-ties to the Rochester & Pittaburgh Coal & Iron Company. The properties in-clude 12,000 acres in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, Pennsylvania, with mines with a capacity of 10,000 tons of coal a day; 100 coke ovens; thirty miles of railroad and its equipment; four stores and several hundred miners houses. Four-fifths of the land is own-ed in fee simple, while the remainder is controlled under a lease in perpetuis controlled under a lease in perpetu-ity. The purchasing corporation as-sumes possession on May 15. While the price paid is not definitely known it is believed that it not far from

# Arthur will be There

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11 .- P. M Arthur, grand chief of the Brother-Arthur, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, left
here to-day for Ottawa, Ont., where he
will attend the biennial convention of
the Brotherhood this week. Between
400 and 500 delegates will be present.
Several engineers from Ohlo, northwestern Pennsylvania and Western
New York accompanied Chief Aruthur
on his journey to Ottawa.

# Mrs. William Lackland Dead. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

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HUNTINGTON. W. Va., May II.—
Mrs. Lackland, off of the late William
M. Lackland, of Virginis, died here today, after a lingering liness. She was
seventy-eight years old and leaves several children, one of whom is now in
the treasury department atWashington. She was visiting her daughter
here, the wife of ex-Congressman Eustace Gibson.

Failure at Huntington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer,
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May II.—
Z. T. Vinson was to-day appointed receiver for the Smith, Hobson Brandt
Company, wholesale dealers in railroad
and mining supplies. The assets and liabittles are about equal.

Ressons to West Virginians.

Pensions to West Virginians. Disnatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11 .-- The

WASHINGTON, D. C., stay II.—The following pensions bave been granted to West Virginians: Increase—Henry Speare, West Liber-ty; William H. Jackson, Keyser; Jacob Higging West

try: William H. Jackson, Keyser; Jacob Higgins, West. Original-Samuel Grothers, Horton; Enoch Dow, Pleasant View; Frederick M. Davis, Milton. Original Widows, etc.—Margaretta Wurzbacher, Wheeling; Malinda Nel-son, Halleck.

# Five Soldiers Killed.

ALGIERS, May 11.—A train loaded with troops destined for the island of Madagascar, coilided yesterday between Adella and Veoulbelman with another train. Five officers were killed and three officers, thirty solders and the crew of the train were injured.

# SPAIN GIVES IN.

Execution of the Competitor Crev is Postponed.

### DEMAND OF THE UNITED STATES

Is Respected to that Extent-The teround Taken by this Government in the Matter-Terms of the Treaty which is Being Enferced by Uncle Sam-Report of the Spanjsh Decision is Confirmed-News

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11 .- In itatively stated that at the request of the United States the Spanish govern-ment will postpone execution of the death sentences upon American citizens until the views of the United States re-specting the application of their cases

until the views of the United States respecting the application of their cases of the treaty of 187 and the protocol of 1877 can be represented and considered. The announcement of the postponement of the executions means a delay of some weeks at least and that the matter will be taken up by the diplomatic representatives of the United States of Spain and be made the subject of the exchange of correspondence on the interpretation to be given the treaty provisions between the two nations. Meanwhile the effect will be to allay popular excitement both here and in Spain.

The action of the state department in

The action of the state department in insisting upon a retrial at least of the American prisoners is evidently in answer to the contention of the courtmartial that the Cushing protocol of 1877 did not apply to the present case. The court held that it only applied to American citizens resident in Spain or the Spanish dominions, and, as the captives from the Compatitor, were not in any sense resident. dents of Cuba, decided that they could not claim any of the privileges accorded by the protocol. In the opinion of the state department this was an extremely narrow and illiberal construction to place upon the protocol, but while not acceping this construction, the department guarded against an adverse decision on the protocol by recurring to the ancient treaty of 1785, on the ground that if the prisoners case was not covered by the protocol they certainly could invoke the measure of protection afforded by the earlier treaty. While this this treaty is not by any means generous in the matter of privileges held out to ed by the earlier treaty. While this this treaty is not by any means generous in the matter of privileges held out to American prisoners, it still contains some guarantees of great value to them in just such cases as that which has now arisen. The section of the treaty applying to the case, in the judgment of the state department is article VII, which reads as follows:

"And it is agreed that the subjects and citizens of each of the contracting

"And it is agreed in the contracting parties, their vessels or effects, shall not be liable to any embargo or detention on the part of the other, for any military expedition or public or private purposes whatever, and in all cases of seisure, deviated to the other, for any emilitary expedition or public or private purposes whatever, and in all cases of seisure, deviated to the other purposes. tention or arrests for debts contracted or offences committed by any citizen of the one party within the jurisdiction of the other, the same shall be made and presented by order and authority of law only, and according to the regular course of proceedings usual in such cases. The citizens and subjects of both parties shall be allowed to employ such advocates. Soliciors and notaries, agents and factors, as they may nurse proper in all their affeits and in all their trials by law, in which they may be concerned before the tribunals of the other party, and such agents shall have free access to be present at the proceedings in such causes, and at the taking of all examinations and evidence which may be exhibited in the said trials."

The contention of the state department is, that irrespective of the Cush-

not particularly autority and collents, and were prevented from selecting their own counsel as guaranteed by the treaty. Also it is said that the prisoners were not accorded an opportunity to procure testimony in their own behalf. This is one of the privileges inseperable from a lawful and regular conduct of the recognition.

the prosecution.

Altogether the indications are that the state department is preparing to make a strong legal defence against the execution of the death penalty in the case of the American prisoners.

# SPANISH REPORT

Theorem In Cana Several Alleged Insurgent Defeats. HAVANA, May 11.—Colonel Segura

at Cieneguita, in the Caibarien district, has been engaged with a considerable force of insurgents under Carillo, Mirabel and Gonzalez. The insurgents in retreating left eleven killed and the troops captured a building in which the enemy had stored a quantity of ammu-

nition.

Segura's column pursued the insurgents and came across 1,600 of them at Santa Rosa where they occupied a very strong position. After two hours fighting the insurgents were disloged after a hayonet charge and left sixteen billed.

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Later, the same body of insurgents was found to have occupied another strong, parapeted position and this was also captured after the troops had charged with the bayonet. As a result of this second engagement, the insurgents left twenty-seven killed and retired with fifteen wounded. In two engagements the troops had four soldiers killed and two officers and seventeen privates wounded.

The Havana battallon, the Barbastro battallon and seven companies of field

The Havana battallon, the Barbastro battallon and seven companies of field artillery recently left San Cristohal, province of Pinar del Rio, going in the direction of Bahla Honda. While crossing the river, the insurgents opened fire upon the troops, wounding several soldiers. But the troops pushed forward, crossed the river and assisted by the artillery fire, disbunded the insurgent force after some sharp fighting. The enemy lost sixty killed and had over one hundred wounded. The groops lost three killed and had fifteer wounded.

Maximo Gomes, according to the la-

wounded.

Maximo Gomez, according to the latest reports received here, is encamped at the farm of El Arroz, near Placetas, province of Sansa Clars. His health is said to be delicate that he is only able to partake of eggs and milk.

Yancho Vlart, classed as an insurgent incendiary, was executed at Matanzas today.

to-day.

It is stated that in the last engagements between the insurgents and the Spanish troops under Generals Altamira and Suarez Ynelan, in the province of Pinar del Rio, the enemy lost 200 killed.

killed.

Colonel Sotol, commandment at Remates, province of Pinar del Rio, has been angaged with the insurgents under Manuel and Bartolo Maso. The enemy left twenty killed and the troops pursuing the insurgents captured their camp and killed nine more of them. One soldier was killed and nine soldiers were wounded.

ceed with the war as he should, as the Spanish authorities at every movement are hampered by the "irritating med-dling of America in Cuban affairs."

### SPAIN'S PREDICAMENT.

London Globe Says the Sympathy of Europe will be with Cuba's Oppressor. LONDON, May 11.—The Globe this afternoon, commenting upon the Cuban situation, says: "It is impossible not to sympathize with the Spanish ministry, suddenly called to choose between the loss of Spain's best colony and a war with a great power. In the event of war, European sympathy will be wholly with Snap."

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The St. James Gazette remarks:

"There are conditions in both the United States and Spain which militate against a peaceful settlement. America is quite capable of doing more than talk when Cuba and the lives of Americans are concerned. Senor Canovas del Castillo will have to consider the effect which a surrender to the nited States might have upon the stability of the monarchy. He may have to choose between a rupture with the United States and a revolution at home."

### TERRIBLE RIVER DISASTER.

he Towboat Harry Brown Rlown Up in the Mississippi River—Eleven Lives are Lost-Story of the Disaster.

The large towboat Harry-Brown, upbound, exploded her boilers twenty-five miles below Vicksburg, Miss., at 11:30 last night and she was a complete wreck in less than a moment, sinking out of sight. Eleven lives, all white, were lost. Three bodies were recovered. The towboat Wash Henshell took the bodies and survivors to Vicksburg, arriving at 6 a. m. Captain John Kaine, master; Dennis J. Lomey, second enginer and Dan Kaine, pilot, who were injured, are in the hospital there. Pilot Norman Dravo, Derby Flismorris, first mate, and First Engineer William Dougherty, were lost. The latter's body was recovered.

The Brown was bound up with a tow of empties when the explosion occurred. She broke in two, Of her crew of forty-two men, three are at Vicksburg, dead; eight are missing and the captain and four others are badly injured. The Henshell backed up and landed the tow. The wounded are at the hospital, Many were slightly hurt. Chief engineer and the head pilot are missing.

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The Harry Brown was owned by The Harry Brown was owned by W. H. Brown, the extensive coal operator of Pittsburgh and was one of the largest towboats in the country. She was valued at \$50,000, and was not insured. The Associated Press dispatch from Vicksburg was the first intelligence that Captain Sam Brown had of the explosion. A short time after he received a telegram stating that the explosion had completely destroyed the boats, killing three men instantly and injuring a number of others. Several of the crew were missing.

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The Brown had a crew of twenty, eight passingers as follows: Captain, John Kaine, Pittsburgh; second engineer, Dennis Stowey, Cairo; mate, "Dad" Fitzmoris, Louisville; steward, Frank Adrian, Cincinnati; pilot, Norman Dravo, Pittsburgh; fremen, Patrick Kaneff, John Joyce, James Sheehan, Thomas Judge, all of Pittsburgh. There were also aboard two cabin boys and a chambermaid from Pittsburgh; four fremen and a number of roustabouts whose names are season. A special from Vickaburg, Miss, to the Louisville Evening Post, received by the Intelligencer at 1 o'clock his morning, stretches the death list. It says the boat was a complete wreck and such in loss than five minutes. Eleven lives are known to be lost, including: Pitot Norman Dravo.

G. W. Bardsky, steersman. William Dougherty, ohlef engineer, Miss Annie Hess, chambermaid. Tom Judge, fireman. William Wilson, fireman. First Mate William Fitzsimmons. Second Mate Pat Carniff. William Kelkey, lamp trimmer. The survivors and also the wounded were taken to Vicksburg on the Honshell. Six of the officers and crew of the Brown are in the marine ward of the Vicksburg horpital, as follows: Captain John Kime, hip seriously induced.

William Grimme, carpenter, leg

broken.

John Hardy, fireman, badly scalded and otherwise seriously injured.

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Dennis J. Lomey, second engineer, badly scuided and internally injured; will probably die.
Pilot Dravo, who was lost, was of Pittsburgh, and was a most excellent man whose death will be greatly re-

Pittsburgh, and was a most excellent man whose death will be greatly regretted.

Captain Kime, the master of the Brown, although seriously injured, remained on the after part of the cabin roof of the Brown, where he had been blown by the explosion. He was seen by a reporter and said:

"The after part of the cabin floated off from the hull, and as it sank to the bottom of the river I directed the efforts of the men who were at work rescuing the boat's crew, Myself and Pilot Dan Kane were in the Brown's pilot house when the explosion occurred. It would be impossible for any one to tell how many of the seven bollers exploded, as the darkness prevented any one mening anything. It seemed that the hull went down in less than a minute. I have no blame to attach to any one, as the cause of the explosion will never be known, as the chief engineer, William Dougherty, who was on watch, was lost."

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The officers and boat crew speak in the most grateful praise of the officers and crew of the steamer St. Joseph, who contributed clothing and other substantials. Captain Kime expects to send the crew of the Brown to their homes by rail as soon as he receives instructions from Pittsburgh. The coroner held an inquest on the dead bodies and returned a verdict of accidental death.

# CLARA BARTON'S WORK

In Armenia Very Successful-Red Cross Medical Corps. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11.—The

vork of the agents of the American Red work of the agents of the American Red. Cross Society under the direction of Miss. Clara Barton, its president, is very suc-cessful. They have been relieving a very great many of the distressed by dis-tributing seeds and tools, especially in the Harput district, where Dr. J. B. Hubbell's party has been urged to make a learning stay.

Hubbell's party has seen to get a lengthy stay.

A Red Cross medical corps is being formed here and will be placed at the disposal of Dr. Ira Harris, for work in the Marash and Zeituon districts, where typhus fever and dysentary are raging in many places.

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The Strike Abent Over.

MILWAUKEE, May 11.—The street railway company is running an increased number of cars on every line to-day and there is absolutely no disturbance. The strike is practically over and the strikers unamelves admit that their only hope lies in the direction of inducing the public to refuse to patronise the cars. Cabs and busses will be operated for the purpose of giving the sympathizers with the atrikers an opportunity to make a practical display of their feelings. Weyler has cabled the Spanish government that it is impossible for him to pro-

# ONLY ROUTINE

Business Transacted in the Methodist Conference.

### THE FREEDMEN'S AID REPORT

to Begin on Thursday—A Proposition to Reduce Salaries of all Officers is Referred to a Committee-Important Resolutions Passed - A Proposed Constitutional

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 11.-Bishop Walden presided this morning at the opening of the M. E. general confer-

A resolution to prevent a duplication of studies in the church schools and public schools in the church schools are read, but referred to the committee on FT d-man's ald. Rev. B. F. Witherspoon, of Southern California, presented a resolution declaring that color and caste do not enter into Ura conference and further declaring that the election of a bishop of African descent should viewed solely in the light of ability and without regard to cofor. It was pre-sented for adoption, but the conference referred it to the committee on episco-

sented for adoption, but the contentareferred it to the committee on episcopacy.

The first formal application for the
conference of nineteen bundred was
presented by Saratoga Springs, New
York, and referred to the committee on
entertainment. The committee on
a petition from the Delaware conference to change the name to Southern
Education Society. The report was
adopted. Dr. Larihan moved to reconsider the vote by which Monday
naxt was set as the day for election of
officers. Thursday was selected and
the elections will begin on Thursday of
this week. Dr. Walden then introduced
to the conference Rev. Dr. R. F. Rust,
of C'nichmati, who was his colleague in
the managing of the book concern.
Rev. William H. Wilder, of Illinois,
presented a resolution which proposed
to reduce the salaries of all officers,
missionaries and general conference officers in view of the general depression
in business and finances. A protest was
entered, but the resolution was referred
to the committee on temporal economy.
A resolution in condemnation of molviolence was referred to the committee
on state of the church. The special order of presentation of Cleyeland pastors

violence was referred to the committee on state of the church. The special or-der of presentation of Cleveland pastors was then taken up. The conference then joined in singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," after which an adjournment was taken until

evening.

At the meeting of the committee on episcopacy this afternoon a sub-committee reported that it had examined the law bearing on foreign episcopases and had reached, the conclusion that there was nothing to prevent foreign bishops. The sub-committee recommended a bishop for Europe.

The committee on litherary considered the proposed changes in the church discipline. Two of the questions asked of an aspirum for ministerial appointment, both before and at the close of his probation, are: "Will you promise to rubstain entirely from tobacoo?" and "Are you in debt?"

The bishops proposed to omit these questions from the final examination and allow the first promises to stand. There was a long debate over this incommittee, but the recommendation of the bishops was finally sustained on the vote.

The committee on state of the church At the meeting of the committee on

The committee on state of the church recommended the appointment of one evangelist or more than each district conference for revival work. The day's discussion on the proposition to ask for the insertion after the word "posterity" in the proamble of the United States constitution the words: "In God We Trust." was long and heated and the question was finally referred to a subcommittee.

# RUSSIAN RED CROSS.

expedition to Abyssinia is Received with Open Arms. NEW YORK, May 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: General Shyedoff, head of the Russian Red Cross Society and leader of the ex-Hed Cross Society and tender to a septedition to Abyshinia, telegraphs saying that he and his party have been received with open arms and that the Negus Menelli is making extensive preparations for their passage to Harrar.

The Nove Vremya says that Esgland's fear that about Herat are unfaculted.

The Russian Red Cross expedition to Abyssinia left Odessa early in April. This is the third Russian expedition to Abyssinia. The first, under Cossack Ashinof, left in December, 1835, and ended by being shelled by the French at Sagnilo. The second, which was called a scientific mission respecting the religion of the Russian church and to General Shyedoff, assisted by several military officors, consists of about 30 members, of which the medical staff numbers six doctors and twelve nurses. Of the other members of the expedition little is, stated except that one is a priest, who is taking 30,000 small crosses to distribute among the Abyssinian. It is expected in Russian official circles that this will give Russia desired control in Abyssinia, which she has been trying to obtain.

# FIERCE FOREST FIRES

Raging in Several Counties in Pennsylvania-Great Dainage Done.

DUBOIS, Pa., May 11.—Flerce forest fires are now raging throughout Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties. The dry underbrush and a lack of yerdure facilitates the spread. The sawmill of the Portland Lumber Company, of Elk county, one of the largest in the state, was burned to the ground this morning. The lumber yard was saved.

The mill camp. 1,000,000 feet of lumber belonging to R. H. Thompson, a contractor, of Pike township, Clearfield county, was also burned. The mill was valued at \$1,000, with insurance of \$1,500.

The Clearfield Lumber Company's tract of nearly 8,000 acres, with 125,000,000 feet of tabler. In Knox and Roggs townships is still burning. A large force of men are fighting the fire. Half of the town of Karthaus is reported burned. The town of Ramey is surrounded by the flames and it is feared will be burned. Many smaller fires are also raging. The sky is obscured by smoke by day and is juried type.

# The Cotton Crop.

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WASHINGTON, May 11—The cotton report to the department of agriculture for May relates to the propress of planting and the proposed or contemplated acreage. The proportion of the contemplated area already planted on the first of May was \$7.5 per cent, which approximated very closely to the breadth usually planted at that date, which is estimated at \$8.3 per cent. The csti-

mates for the several states are as follows: Virginia, 20; North Carolina 80; South Carolina, 90; Georgia, 80 Florida, 100; Alabama, 93; Mississippl 92; Louisiana, 95; Texas, 88; Arkanass 84; Tennessee, 73. The returns of correspondents in regard to contemplates acreage indicate a considerable increase over the area planted last year,

### A BIG OIL FIRE

Fire is Yet Beyond Control. The following Associated Press dispatch from Bradford, Pa., tells of a

The hemlock slashings that escaped last summer's forest fires are now a roaring mass of flames in the oil fields south of the city. A fierce fire broks out Saturday afternoon at the Dent farm. A large gang of men was sent from here to fight the flames, but the fire had gained such headway it was impossible to check its progress until it spread to thirteen oil wells owned by the Emery Oil Company, the derricks of which were consumed, together with a number of small oil tanks and boiler houses. The men were still trying to prevent the flames from spreading to the South Penn Oil Company's wells, which are in close proximity. Should this get a start in that direction the loss will be heavy, and there is no teiling where it will stop, as the derricks are thick and a large amount of oil is stored in small tanks which would add materially to the destruction of The hemlock slashings that escaped

ricks are thick and a large amount of oil is stored in small tanks which would add materially to the destruction of valuable oil property. The woods in the vicinity of Buchanan Hollow were ablaze yesterday. A gang of men succeeded in stopping the fire from spreading farther than Bishops and Johnson lease; but not before two derricks were burned to the ground. Small fires are reported in various parts of the field and the people are much worried, owing to the fact that everything is as dry as tinder. The surface is so parche ed that large crevices are noticeable all through forests. Not a drop of rain has fallen in nearly a month and there is no indications of any yet. The hemilook woods two miles west of Elligburg, Potter county, are reported as being on fire and threatening the Pennsylvania Company's property. A large gang of mill men is fighting the fiames but it is impossible to learn whether they have succeded in checking the spread of the fire. Fires are reported on all sides of Oswego, a small lumber town in Potter county. No details are spread of the lire. Fires are reported on all sides of Oswego, a small lumber town in Potter county. No details are obtainable at this time.

### ANOTHER AT COLERAIN.

The Estier Well Comes in a Good Pro-ducer, Estimated at 100 Barrels—Other News of the Oil Fields. Last night at 8:20 o'clock the Job

Estler well of Gasmire & Thompson, of Estler well of Gasmire & Thompson, or this city, in the Colerain field, came in, and is estimated to be good for a fally production of 100 barreis. The well is situated 800 feet south of the Bracken No. 1, which is the best well drilled in the Colerain district. It is now thought to be settled that the pay streak extends north and south, and operations reward the river front may now be toward the river front may now toward the river front may now to a depth of twelve feet. The second pay streak is nineteen feet deep er and will be reached should the we decline materially in its production from the upper strats.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., May 11.—
Warren Workman, a driller working on a well over on the Ohio side of the fiver, suicided this evening, taking orceote.
Dr. Seliers, of this city, was summorted too late to render medical aid. A love affair is said to be the cause.

Colerain Oil News.

A Martin's Forry gentleman who came in from Colerain last evening says that the Bracken No. 2 is good for fifty barrels daily. Two other wells will be in within a few days.

At a meeting of the commissioners of the Martin's Ferry and Colerain plus yesterday it was decided to order the Barton Oil Company to remove its derrick at Colerain, which encreaches three or four feet on the plus. A new line will be made.

Dr. J. L. Caldwell of Portland St.

Dr. J. L. Caldwell of Portland States, was in Martin's Ferry yesterds. farmers in the vicinity are considerably worked up and it is thought that other wells will be put down.

# BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Governor Morton signed the "Greater few York" bill yesterday.

H. C. Bunner, editor of Puck, died yesterday, at his home in Nutley, N. J. Richard A. Storrs, deputy comptroller of New Yory city, died, aged sixty-six years. He has been in the city's service continuously since 1857 and most of that time in the finance department.

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Edward Conery, jr., merchant and president of the Independent Oil Company, at New Orleans, made a cession of his property for the benefit of creditors, especially. Assets \$287,000; Habilities Habilities \$448,000.

Seventeen justices of the peace in the boroughs of Mahanny City and Shenandonh, Pa., were deposed from office by an opinion handed down by Judge Mc-Pherson, in which he decides that the boroughs are entitled to two justices each and not two for each ward.

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In the senate yesterday the joint resolution was passed authorising foreign exhibitors at the Tennessee centennial exposition to be held in Nashville, Tennin 1897, to bring to this country foreign laborers from their respective countries for the purpose of preparing for and making their exhibits, and allowing acticles imported from foreign countries for the sole purpose of exhibition at said exposition to be imported free of duty under regulations prescribed by the seoretary of the treasury.

Steamship Movements.

GLASGOW—Seandinavian, Boston.
GIBRALTAR—Ems. New York, for LONDON-Minnesota, Baltimore,

Weather Forecast for To-day, For West Virginia, partly cloudy weather; probably local thunder storms; variable winds.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, partly cloudy weather with conditions favorable for local thunder atorms; light to fresh variable winds.

Local Temperature, vasterday as observed.